

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device comprising: a pair of positive and negative electrodes opposed to each other; and an organic functional layer formed between the positive and negative electrodes and having three or more thin films each made of an organic compound,

wherein said organic functional layer comprises a hole transport layer, a hole injection layer, a light emitting layer, an electron transport layer, and an electron injection layer, as the thin films,

wherein a first layer and a second layer ~~holding a third layer therebetween~~ within the thin films are made of organic compounds that have glass transition temperatures equal to or higher than a first temperature of 107°C,

wherein the a third layer being made of an organic compound a glass transition temperature of which is lower than the first temperature and sandwiched directly between the first and second layers,

wherein the light emitting layer includes a phosphorescent material as a doping material.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein a difference between the glass transition temperature of an organic compound of the third layer and the glass transition temperature of an organic compound of the first or second layer is equal to or more than 12 °C.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the third layer is a hole transport layer.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 5, wherein the hole transport layer is made of 4,4'-bis[N-(naphthyl)-N-phenyl-amino]biphenyl.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorescent material is one selected from substances represented by the following chemical formulae (4), (5) and (6).

